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Subject: RE: ATSDR Weekly Update

Good catch!

Yes, after 33 years of federal service I have decided to pursue new opportunities and will be retiring. I will be moving back to the east coast (Fort Lauderdale, FL) where my spouse and I own a home and to be closer to family. The Public Health Service has not yet completely processed my paperwork, but I expect the 1st or 2nd week of June will be my departure time-frame. I will keep you posted.

An announcement for my position is with CDC/ATSDR Human Resources, however it is not expected to be announced prior to my departure. Current staff will rotate in an Acting capacity until the position is announced and a new ATSDR R9 Director selected. Maybe sometime in May we could have a short transition/update meeting, just to make sure nothing gets dropped during the transition period.

Thanks.

-Robert

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Retirement????

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Kauai Pesticide Petition (Hawaii): Libby Vianu discussed next steps and the draft Findings and Recommendations of the Joint Fact Finding Study Group with ATSDR Petition Coordinator. We will reach out to the JFF to have a conference call to discuss our questions and comments. We will also contact Hawaii DOH to schedule a meeting to discuss the JFF report and DOH plans.

EPA and PEHSU Quarterly Call: Libby Vianu and Jamie Rayman attended the EPA and PEHSU Quarterly update conference call meeting on 3/25/16. Updates by all were given and of note was potential funding by EPA for a children's health project in Hawaii. Possibilities for further discussion are the Kauai pesticide concerns and VOG air quality and health related concerns from volcanic emissions. PEHSU also discussed recent webinars including a presentation on the Aliso Canyon Natural Gas leak response by LA County Public Health.

Agricultural Park (Riverside CA): Libby Vianu is coordinating the Regional response to activities at the site. On 3/28/16 Vianu attended a briefing and site update meeting given by EPA Land Division. Site history, planned future use and community concerns were addressed. The City of Riverside submitted a formal petition to ATSDR petition coordinator on 3/25/16. The next step is to discuss this request with the California Cooperative Agreement Program.

Anaconda Mine (Yerington NV): On March 29, EPA received a letter from Nevada Governor Sandoval in which he expressed support for proposing the Anaconda Mine site to the NPL. There has been much media attention to the announcement of this decision. EPA will now proceed with the first step of the process - formally proposing the site for listing this fall, followed by a call for public comment.

Responding to a Chemical Warfare Agent Incident: Libby Vianu attended this training presentation on 3/30/15 offered by EPA Region 9 Research Program Webinar Series. There is a need for developing analysis protocols, address and research fate and transport, and decontamination effectiveness and treatment and disposal options. More information can be found on EPA homeland security research page.

Zika Awareness: Libby Vianu and Jamie Rayman attended a Zika Virus awareness presentation given by HHS HRSA and ASPER regional staff. The presentation was designed to give awareness of current information and guidelines and where to direct questions or concerns that may come to HHS staff. ASPR also gave a review of the Federal response by HHS and other agencies. Zika is an endemic concern in the Pacific Islands of Region 9.

Child Care Safe Siting Initiative – Rayman joined the biweekly workgroup meeting. The group discussed progress on revising the logic model, the content analysis and list of proposed “communication tools” developed by Communicate Health, and went through the final edits on the guidance manual.

Don’t Mess with Mercury Workgroup – Rayman joined the weekly workgroup meeting. She sought feedback on a draft abstract for entering the new mercury film into the APHA Film Festival.

Abandoned Uranium Mines on the Navajo Nation – Rayman finished edits on the content of the resources fact sheet, completed the layout version with the graphic designer and distributed it to the 5 Year Plan partners. She continues to develop the agenda and activities for a focus group session with CHRs to revise messaging on the uranium awareness poster and fact sheets.

Former Alameda NAS (Alameda, CA): Robert Knowles and Jamie Rayman participated in a conference call on Wednesday (3/30) with the site team to discuss progress on the review of data for the Public Health Assessment and the draft Community Outreach Plan.

Exide Battery Facility (Vernon, CA): Robert Knowles participated in a call with Dr. Breyse on Wednesday (3/30) to discuss Exide and provided follow-up information with points of contact to other agencies who are involved in public health and clean-up activities for Exide.

Santa Susana Field Laboratory (Ventura County, CA): R9 staff continued to work with ATSDR Office of Communications to respond to questions from a reporter at McClatchy newspapers related to the ATSDR petition and decisions regarding the site.

Mercury in Gym Flooring (Arizona): R9 staff continued to work with ATSDR Office of Communications and colleagues at ADHS to address questions from a reporter for the Arizona Republic related to Arizona's state-wide effort to identify (and if necessary remediate) mercury containing rubberized school gym flooring.

Succession Planning: Robert Knowles participated in a conference call on Wednesday (3/30) with Tina Forrester to discuss his retirement and succession planning for the R9 office.

Other & Upcoming:

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